

Gamboa Silver Clubhouse
Gamboa Canal Zone
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Dear Mrs.Manley

Received your letter yesterday and that shows you just how long the mail takes to go back and forth.By this time I hope the boys are with the Club and have made their presence felt,you can believe it or not but I had headaches trying to get them away from here to you each day it was the same thing until I was ready to wire you and to tell you to call off the whole thing.

From what I can hear the Cuban Stars are the only Club you have to worry about,if it is g true that Josh has lost his mind and the Grays lose him the rest of the Clubs will know that they can beat the @rays and it will be a tight race.It is near time you had a winner because you and Cap have spent money and (I hope made some) deserve to come out on top one time anyway.Two years ago I wanted Cap to take two pitchers by now he would be out front and there would be no catching him and the reason I thought og him first was because I knew that what he promised a man he would kepp his word.

You know I played baseball for the Black Yanks and really loved that Club but when it come to recommending men to leave here the Clubs I picked out are th e Clubs that I knew would pay the men.That is a grand reputayion to make it is even better than being the owner of a Championship team that dont pay off.

Mrs.Manley I really got a kick out of talking to you on the phone and was sorry that I couldnt talk longer but it takes money and since you were the one paying I didnt want to waist it.I expect to come home next month and I will make a point to spend one day in Newark telling you the weak and strong points of the men if you have not found out by then,one thing I know you will know that they both hit the ball hard.Take care of yourself and heres hoping that by the time this reaches you your Club will be on top and stay there.Regards to Cap.

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